

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Hopes Dashed

NEITHER for the Anglo-Americans, nor for the Russians is the road to Berlin proving any too smooth. The anti-Axis despatches from the German fronts frankly admit that the crossings of the Elbe on the west and the Oder on the east, have to be done in face of unprecedented fierceness on the part of the Germans. The Anglo-Americans had once fondly imagined that they had only to cross the Rhine for the whole of Germany to collapse. They are wiser now, if sadder.

Gen. Eisen-Hower, the Supreme Commander of the Anglo-American forces in Europe, is in an awkward dilemma. He is very anxious to dangle before his war-weary troops the prospects of an early victory. But at the same time, he is afraid that to give his men premature hopes of victory which is not yet in sight is a rather dangerous game to play. It is bound to cause great disappointment in America and Britain. The average man in both these countries, broken down in body and spirit by a protracted Armageddon, the objects of which he does not understand, is sick to death of this war business. He likes to be told that victory is just round the corner.

But unfortunately for them, the course of war, neither in Europe nor in Asia, forbodes any good for the anti-Axis powers. If the German front is at this moment threatening to become one vast graveyard for the invaders of the Reich from the East and the West, the Americans in the Pacific Front find themselves in even a more perilous plight. The battle around the waters of the Island of Okinawa has already cost the Yankees an astounding total of 379 ships, to say nothing of the heavy losses in men, planes, etc. And yet, according to a recent communique from MacArthur's Headquarters, there has been no appreciable change in the situation in Okinawa during the last 12 days.

In short, the Anglo-Americans are not anywhere near victory still. If they persist in saying the contrary, it is sheer propaganda to bolster up the sinking spirits of their war-weary peoples, and to keep their victims in fear and submission.

Indian Freedom Before World Peace, Says Gandhiji

Zurich, April 17 (Domei)—Mahatma Gandhi, in a statement on the forthcoming San Francisco Conference, today declared that the anti-Axis powers will never realize peace unless they base their action on the principle of freedom and equality of all nations and races, according to a New Delhi dispatch.

He said that an indispensable preliminary to world peace was the complete freedom of India from all foreign control.

There can be no true peace if it is to be enforced by arms, Gandhiji stated.

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Ramming Attacks Against Warcraft Being Continued

Enemy Warship Losses
Now Reach Colossal
Figure Of 379

A Nippon Base in the Ryukyu Islands, April 17 (Domei)—Dare-devil airmen of our army and navy special attack corps continued relentless ramming attacks against enemy warships in Okinawa waters from early yesterday morning till late last night.

While war results achieved during the course of our daylight attacks are still being checked, it is reliably learned that between 6.40 a.m. and 10 a.m., one of our planes radioed to its base that it was going to body-crash against an enemy aircraft-carrier, another against a battleship, three others against warcraft of unidentified category and two more against transports.

In the afternoon, five of our planes wirelessly that they were going to ram themselves against aircraft-carriers and four others against enemy warships of unidentified category.

War results so far known to have been chalked up in the course of our night attack included two cruisers, one battleship or cruiser and one warcraft of unidentified category, all sunk. Nippon ground forces on Okinawa reported that an enemy warship, which was most probably an aircraft-carrier, was set ablaze and sank with a heavy explosion last night.

Tokyo, Apr. 17 (Domei)—Both the Nippon air force and special attack surface units in their three-day assaults carried out against enemy surface craft in the Okinawa sector on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, are so far known to have sunk 18 enemy warcraft and heavily damaged and probably sunk 13 others. This new war result brings to 379 the total number of enemy surface craft destroyed by our forces since the enemy started his invasion operations in Okinawa sector.

The daily results scored between Saturday and Monday follow:

Saturday, Apr. 14—Sank one enemy battleship and three warcraft of unidentified category; heavily damaged and probably sank one warcraft of the large type, most probably an aircraft-carrier, and three surface craft of unidentified category.

Sunday, Apr. 15—Sank another battleship, two destroyers, and six surface craft of unidentified category. Heavily damaged and probably sank three transports and six surface craft of unidentified category.

Monday, Apr. 16—Sank two cruisers, one battleship or cruiser, one surface craft of unidentified category and another warcraft of the large type, most probably in aircraft-carrier.

TENNO HEIKA EXPRESSES SYMPATHY; DONATES Y. 10 MILLION TO RELIEF FUND

Tokyo, April 17 (Domei)—TENNO HEIKA was today generously pleased to issue an Imperial Rescript expressing deep sympathy for victims of repeated indiscriminate enemy air raids, the Imperial Household Department announced. At the same time, His Imperial Majesty was pleased to donate Yen ten million to relief funds for war sufferers.

Pointing out that the war situation is increasingly critical and enemy attacks against our country are growing in intensity, the Imperial Rescript graciously expressed the profound concern of His Imperial Majesty over the plight of those of his subjects who were killed or wounded or who lost properties and jobs as a result of enemy air raids. After announcing the donation of a sum from the Privy Purse for relief works, the Imperial Rescript called upon Government officials to take good care of war sufferers in accordance with Imperial Will.

It may be recalled His Imperial Majesty on March 18 personally inspected areas in the Metropolis stricken by the enemy's indiscriminate air raid on March 10.

Another 31 Enemy Warcraft Sunk Or Crippled In Okinawa Waters

Tokyo, April 17 (Domei)—Dai Honyei revealed in a communique released this afternoon at 4 p.m. as follows:

"Firstly, acting in concert with garrison units on Main Okinawa Island who are putting up gallant fighting, our air units are keeping up attacks on enemy warcraft and vessels as well as a task force in waters around the island. Especially in the period since April 14 up to April 16 our air units repeatedly carried out devastating assaults against these enemy forces, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. At the same time our air units surprise-raided Kita and Naka airfields on Okinawa Island, setting ablaze and blasting 32 planes and causing great confusion among the enemy.

"War results so far ascertained to have been achieved during the course of these attacks are

as follows:

Sank, two battleships, one battleship or cruiser, one warcraft of large type (which was most probably an aircraft carrier), two cruisers, two destroyers, eight warcraft of unidentified category (of which one was most probably an aircraft-carrier).

Damaged, one warcraft of large type (which was most probably an aircraft-carrier), three transports, eight warcraft of unidentified categories.

"The majority of our air units which took part in these attacks belonged to special attack corps.

"Secondly, our special attack surface corps on the night of April 15 attacked enemy warcraft and vessels off Katana and sank two warcraft of unidentified categories and damaged another of unidentified category."

Newsman Describe Death-Defying Aerial Assaults On Enemy Fleet

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—The Associated Press correspondent Hamilton Faron, in a delayed dispatch from the Okinawa sector, today reported here a gripping account of a relentless Nippon aerial special attack corps assault on American Vice-Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's carrier force.

A death-defying Nippon pilot came within approximately 30 metres of crashing into Mitscher's carrier flagship, the correspondent revealed.

The American carrier force constantly had to throw up a cloud of flak fire, as Nippon aircraft kept up a running attack, streaking out of the skies to make their assaults, he said.

All day and throughout the night, the Nippon planes harassed Mitscher's fleet. At night the scene of the battle was luridly lit up by the flashes of gunfire, streams of tracers, and the flares dropped by the Nippon raiders.

Lisbon, April 14 (Domei)—Diving out of the blue Pacific sky with their fear-inspiring determination to kill or be killed in the attempt, the airmen of Nippon's dreaded special attack corps on two days, April 12 and 13, subjected American Vice-Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner's amphibious fleet off Okinawa to a blazing aerial assault, John Henry, International News Service Correspondent, reported here today in a dispatch from Turner's flagship.

Following up their furious attacks on April 12, more than a score of Nippon death-defying planes on April 13 swarmed down on Turner's fleet, sinking a destroyer and damaging a number of smaller craft, he said.

The Nippon assault was kept up to twilight of the same day, and Henry said that the attack equalled in intensity the concentrated Nippon raid on the previous week.

Destruction Of Br. Power Prerequisite For India's Unity

Britain Shifts Blame For
Present India Deadlock
To Peoples' Leaders

Striking evidence of the determination of the British to continue their domination and exploitation of India is contained in the latest reports received here yesterday. The British still maintain that the so-called differences among the major political parties in India are responsible for the present political deadlock in India and that the only thing that stands in the way of India being granted complete independence is the unwillingness on the part of the main Indian parties to reach a settlement among themselves.

According to a despatch from London, "Indian Affairs", the so-called official organ of the India-Burma Association, in an editorial on Lord Wavell's visit to London, strongly deprecates the suggestion that Congress leaders who are still under detention must be released without any pledge on their part not to resume immediately the dangerous campaign against British war efforts in India. With characteristic British hypocrisy, the article says that Britain has been ready for years to grant independence to India, and all that has been wanting is willingness on the part of the main parties in India to arrive at an understanding among themselves.

Meanwhile, the Federation of India Association in Britain has sent a memorandum to Embassies and Legations in London of countries and Governments invited to the so-called World Security Conference, asking representatives to urge the immediate release of Indian political leaders and the formation of a representative national Government in India.

Strongly denouncing the selection by the British Government of three of their hirelings to represent India at the San Francisco Conference, the signatories of the memorandum pointed out that these three British puppets do not represent the people of India and have no sanction to enter on any commitment on India's behalf.

Special Attack Corps To Defend Nippon Homeland

Tokyo, April 17 (Domei)—Giving full play to the pent-up fighting spirit of the 100 million people of Nippon, an All-Nippon Nation's Special Attack Corps will be inaugurated at a ceremony to be held here on April 25. The ceremony will be attended by over 200 national and provincial leaders.

The All-Nippon Nation's Special Attack Corps will be formed by volunteers for the purpose of defending their homeland against the enemy and safeguarding the time-honoured national policy.

Russo-Polish Relations Statement Postponed

Lisbon, April 17 (Domei)—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill today announced in the House of Commons a postponement of his statement on Russo-Polish relations which was scheduled for Thursday, according to a London dispatch.

Churchill said he did not feel it would be a good thing to debate on Poland or the general war situation as "it might lie awkwardly with the general movement of events."

P. O. Savings In March Register Big Increase

The Malai Postal Savings registered a net increase of \$2,174,476 for March, the total deposits and withdrawals for the same month being \$3,754,354 and \$1,579,878, respectively.

The total amount of deposits up to the end of March has reached \$22,558,596. The number of depositors has also increased by 17,040 bringing the total to 469,133.

The competition "When will the number of depositors in the Dai Nippon Government Post Office Savings Bank of Malai exceed 500,000" closed at the end of February. 1,523 entries have been received and the result is being keenly watched by all.

Following is the list of competitors according to nationality: Nippon-jin 31, Malai 767, Chinese 473, Indian 193, Eurasian 54.

Engo Saiken Drawing To Be Held On Friday Next

Syonan, April 18 (Domei)—The public drawing of the first issue of the Engo Saiken (Government lottery for war relief) will be held on Friday, April 20, at the Syonan Kokaido commencing at 2 p.m.

Community representatives have been invited to attend the draw which will be broadcast throughout Syonan, thereby enabling listeners to follow the winning ticket numbers one by one as they are being drawn on the stage.

Barathidasan's Birthday To Be Observed Apr. 22.

The 54th birthday of Sri Kanaka Subburatnam, popularly known as Barathidasan, will be celebrated at the Ramakrishna Mission Hall, 9 Norris Rd., Syonan, on Sunday, April 22, at 5 p.m. Sri G. Sarangapani, Member-in-Charge, Propaganda, I.L.L., Syonan Branch, will preside over the meeting.

Barathidasan is a staunch nationalist and by his poems he has helped to awaken the people of South India to take an active part in their country's struggle for freedom.

The poet's picture will be unveiled and speeches will be delivered on his work and music.

Huge Royal Australian Air Force Casualties

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—The Royal Australian Air Force personnel has suffered a total of 13,564 casualties since the outbreak of the war up to the end of February, according to an Australian dispatch.

Phone Operators' Strike Threatens New York

Lisbon, April 17 (Domei)—New York City, America's largest metropolis, is facing the prospect of a telephone strike by 18,000 telephone operators, as members of two major unions have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a walk-out, according to an Associated Press dispatch from New

Russians Launch Major Offensive On Eastern Front

Berlin, April 16 (Domei)—Soviet forces this morning at 3.55 o'clock launched their expected major offensive in the sector northwards of Kuestrin down to the area where the Neisse River flows into the Oder, after heavy drumfire and violent air attacks, frontline dispatches said. Marshal Sokolovski, who succeeded Marshal Zhukov in this sector, concentrated his spear units during Sunday. The Germans opened an intensive barrage of fire and brought the first enemy attempts to a halt. Embittered fighting is continuing, the dispatches added.

In Vienna Proper the Soviets succeeded in removing the German bridgehead south of the Danube. Sankt Poelten has been lost to numerically superior Soviet forces.

In the northern section of the Western Front 80 enemy tanks and armoured reconnaissance cars were knocked out yesterday, the Fuehrer's Headquarters communique said. The enemy is moving up from the depth toward Elbe between Wittenberg and Tangermunde due west of Berlin. Embittered fighting on the Ruhr in Bergisches and is being continued with undiminished ferocity.

In the Central Germany area strong American forces are pushing northwards between Bernburg and Bitterfeld.

In Italy enemy divisions which attacked between Imola and Comacchio Lake were brought to a standstill off new German

London Polish Govt's Latest Political Move

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—Frustrated in its attempt to bolster its political position by securing the presence in London of its supporters in Soviet-occupied Poland, the London Polish Government issued a statement tonight urging the Soviet Union that the party of Polish underground leaders who were previously alleged to have "disappeared" after accepting an invitation to meet Soviet representatives should be allowed to visit London, according to a Reuter dispatch.

The statement said that these underground leaders had asked permission to travel to the British capital before leaving for talks with the Russians on March 28 and that the Russians had given this permission.

The London Polish Regime suggested that the Soviet authorities forcibly were detaining these Polish politicians, fearing that their transfer to London would prove detrimental to the Russian-sponsored Lublin Government.

The statement claimed that the purpose of the visit would simply be to "fix a definite line of action both on the question of the dispute between Poland and Russia and the normalization of Polish internal affairs."

positions. American aircraft in low-level attacks continued yesterday their daylight terror attacks against civilians of Central and South Germany. Sunday night residential sections of Greater Berlin were bombed by British Mosquitoes.

Devastating Floods Sweep Through American States

Lisbon, April 17 (Domei)—Heavy floods swirling through four American Midwestern States threatened today to prolong the Lower Mississippi Valley's four-month-old fight against crumbling levees and disaster, according to a New York dispatch.

United States authorities revealed that the flood waters of the Arkansas, White and Saint Francis tributaries would extend the fight in Arkansas by several weeks.

While this new threat developed, the crest of the Red River flood in Louisiana neared the Mississippi after driving 50,000 persons from their homes and flooding 1,500,000 acres, the dispatch said.

Flood waters were reported to have blocked roads, washed away bridges and inundated the lower sections of towns in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. About 100 blocks are under water at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Nineteen deaths from high water so far have been reported in the affected States.

Meantime, a 60-mile an hour gale was said to have hit the Saint Louis area last night, uprooting trees and smashing windows for the second time in 24 hours, accompanied by heavy rains.

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The telephone operators were reported to be threatening to strike in protest against the American War Labour Board's refusal to recognize their demand for a five-dollar weekly wage increase.

Important Role Of Nippon Volunteer Corps Clarified

Tokyo, Apr. 17 (Domei)—For the successful consummation of the current War of Greater East Asia, the Civilian Volunteer Corps should play a vital role as the "thirdline army" in the production field and defence of the homeland, declared Lieut.-General Masaharu Homma, former Supreme Commander of the Nippon Army in the Philippines, in an article appearing in the Mainichi.

Needless to say, Lieut.-General Homma continued, part of our firstline forces for national defence will constitute our fighting services, namely, the army and navy corps, while the reservists constitute the secondline army. The Civilian Volunteer Corps as the thirdline army, he added, should concentrate its efforts in production, until the situation in the homeland reached the highest peak of intensity. Then, he said, the Civilian Volunteer Corps stationed in the rear will assist our firstline army and navy corps, while guarding communication lines and engaging in maintenance of peace and order.

Various occupational and other organizations such as those formerly under the Imperial Rule Assistance Association should all be incorporated into the Civilian Volunteer Corps which will form the nucleus of our production army. In conclusion, he said military training is needed to make this Civilian Volunteer Corps into a strong and powerful unit.

Roosevelt's Death Lands Anglo-U.S. In "Terrible Fix"

Rangoon, April 17 (Domei)—The sudden disappearance of President Roosevelt who stood at the "very focus of the Anglo-American camp" must create a gap and loosen things here and there, declared Adipadi Ba Maw in a special interview with Domei this morning regarding Roosevelt's death.

The Adipadi added that with the passing of the American chief executive, the Anglo-Americans find themselves in "a terrible fix" and there is no other than Roosevelt who can keep conflicting interests together. It was Roosevelt who by his grip of the situation at its many turning points, helped greatly bring out all latent power in America and throw it into the scales on the side of his friends.

Roosevelt, he continued, had been holding the most principal threads in his own hands, but now that he is no longer there to hold them together, they will all get badly entangled. For instance, there is the question of Anglo-American relations, America so far imposed her leadership upon Britain and several other countries.

But now that Roosevelt is dead it is reasonable to doubt if Britain will be prepared to accept the same leadership from his successor, and therefore, from America; and if Britain does how will America take it in her present mood? And how will the other countries which have so far been successfully seduced by Roosevelt's technique react to the new American leadership and to Britain's view of it?

Referring to Soviet-Anglo-American relations, Ba Maw pointed out that Roosevelt tried to be a link between the Soviet Union and Britain. Now that link has disappeared, what is going to happen? With the passing of Roosevelt's influence, the Adipadi said, it will bring up a new domestic question throughout the United States.

Relief Organizations' New "Grow More Food" Projects

Syonan, April 17 (Domei)—Supplementing food production and augmenting the many islands around Syonan now given over to the food self-sufficiency plan, two leading Chinese relief organizations have recently taken over the cultivation of large tracts of land in islands around Syonan, it is announced.

These organizations are, the World Red Swastika Society which has already sent a first batch of Chinese settlers to Bintan Island to become farmers, and the Nanyang Sacred Union, which will develop and cultivate 2,000 acres on Batam Island; of this area, 600 acres will be devoted to paddy cultivation.

Both organizations are receiving fullest assistance and support from the agricultural section of the Syonan Special Municipality, it is further revealed.

British Freighter Sunk By German U-Boat

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—The sinking of a British freighter recently by a German submarine approximately 1,400 kilometres off the South American coast was revealed today in an anti-Axis dispatch. The ship was said to have gone down seven minutes after being hit by a torpedo.

Britain Bans U.S. Film On Burma Campaign

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—The British War Office has indefinitely postponed the release of a film of the Burma campaign commissioned by Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Commander-in-Chief of the South-East Asia Command, because, the film gives the impression that the Americans instead of the British are doing the major ground fighting in Burma, according to a London dispatch.

The film directed by Frank Capra, who made "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," was rejected on the ground that while the land forces in Burma are predominantly British, the film would give the idea that they were nearly all American.

Bakers Stage Strike In Brisbane And Ipswich

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—Approximately 250,000 people in Brisbane and Ipswich faced the prospect of going without bread tonight as the result of the decision of the Master Bakers Association not to bake any more bread until the price of bread is increased by half a penny a loaf, according to an Australian dispatch.

The decision was taken by the bakers in view that the Government has refused to sanction an increase in the price of bread.

Lieut.-Gen. Akinaga's New Appointment

Tokyo, April 16 (Domei)—The Government today announced that Lieut.-General Tsukizo Akinaga, Vice-Chief of the Chugoku Munitions Production Supervising Office has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Composite Planning. Lieut.-General Akinaga assumed his post without retiring from active army service.

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